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**REMARKS****Specification Amendments**

The specification has been amended to update the Cross-Reference to Related Applications.

In particular, the amended specification denotes the present application as a continuation-in-part of the patent applications cited on p. 1, lines 5-14. The references to those applications have been amended to recite that they had claimed the priority of provisional applications 60/104,878, filed Oct. 20, 1998, and 60/095,288, filed Aug. 4, 1998.

Since the present application was filed prior to Nov. 29, 2000, it is believed that the time limits specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) for making such amendments do not apply. See 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B).

The specification has also been amended to insert the serial numbers of the applications listed on p. 1, lines 15-20 as well as to correct the title of one of them.

**Claim Objection**

Claim 27 has been amended to eliminate the words "Currently Amended" that had appeared in line 3.

**Claim Rejections**

All of the claims pending in the application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable in view of United States Patent No: 6,496,479 issued to Shionozaki.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With the above-noted specification amendments having been made, the present application now claims the priority of co-pending applications that, in turn, claimed the

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benefit of two provisional applications. Among those provisional applications was 60/095,288. The filing date of provisional application 60/095,288 was Aug. 4, 1998, which was prior to the Sept. 24, 1998 filing date of Shionozaki.

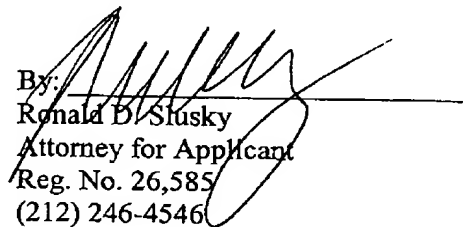
Shionozaki is cited for its teaching of reserving packet network resources in two networks, each according to its own reservation policy. That teaching, however, is contained, for example, in the section 5.2.2 (pp. 19-20) of the aforementioned provisional application 60/095,288. For example, the provisional application teaches in section 5.2.2 an embodiment in which resource reservations are uni-directional over the backbone network but bi-directional over the access network.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Shionozaki reference is not citable against the claims of the present application.

It is thus believed that all of the claims in the application are allowable. Reconsideration and passage of the application to issue are earnestly solicited.

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